

## PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 15 September 1957		2. LOCATION Nevada 5 Mi S of Lincoln Co Line		12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon  <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft  <input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>Inconsistent Data</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT <u>16/0700Z</u>		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1½ to 2 minutes		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE stationary	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Round object, approx 18 inches in diameter, vivid deep orange and red color, orange jet flame appearing along the top rim. No sound.				11. COMMENTS Because of the inconsistencies of bearings given in this report, it must be listed as inconsistent data.	



HEADQUARTERS  
3635TH COMBAT CREW TRAINING WING(SURVIVAL)  
United States Air Force  
Stead Air Force Base, Nevada

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7 JAN 1958

SUBJECT: Flying Object Report

TO: Commander  
Air Defense Command  
Ent Air Force Base, Colorado

In accordance with paragraph 7a(2)(a), Air Force Regulation  
200-2, the attached report is forwarded.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

*Cliff D. Gersbach*  
CLIFF D. GERSBACH  
Major, USAF  
Adjutant

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Ltr, 19D OSI 24-342, Hq  
USAF, dtd 10 Dec 57, Subj:  
Unidentified Flying Objects

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Headquarters, Air Defense Command, Ent Air Force Base, Colorado

TO: Commander, Air Technical Intelligence Center, ATTN: AFCIN 4E4,  
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

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*Fred L. Jeep*



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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE  
WASHINGTON

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF  
19th DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS  
TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE, CALIFORNIA

19D OSI 24-342

10 December 1957

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects

TO: Commander  
Stead Air Force Base  
Nevada

1. A letter dated 5 November 1957, written by Mr. [REDACTED], Reno, Nevada, has been received by this office. The letter pertains to the sighting of an unidentified flying object by Mr. [REDACTED] on 16 September 1957, and was addressed to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, who, in turn, referred it to the Office of Special Investigations.

2. Reference is made to paragraph 7, AFR 200-2, dated 12 August 1954, pertaining to the reporting of information relating to unidentified flying objects.

3. On 4 December 1957, Mr. [REDACTED] was interviewed by Special Agent CARLYLE D. SCHAAD and furnished the following information concerning the sighting:

(1) Description of the object:

- (a) Shape: Round
- (b) Size: Approximately eighteen inches (18") in diameter
- (c) Color: Vivid, deep orange and red
- (d) Number: One (1)
- (e) Formation: N/A
- (f) Any discernible features or details: None
- (g) Tail, trail or exhaust, including size of same compared with size of object: Orange jet flame appearing along the top rim
- (h) Sound: None
- (i) Other pertinent or unusual features: None

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(2) Description of course of object:

(a) What first called the attention of observer to object: N/A

(b) Angle of elevation and azimuth of the object when first observed: Ground level, below horizon off the peak of Mt Wheeler (Altitude: 13,058 feet). Object remained stationary. *note*

(c) Angle of elevation and azimuth of object upon disappearance: See "2b" above.

(d) Description of flight path and maneuvers of object: Object remained stationary.

(e) Manner of disappearance of object: Diminished and disappeared. *← If ground light, could be anything - headlights, window lights, campfire light, etc being*

(f) Length of time in sight: Object observed twice for approximately one and one-half (1½) to two (2) minutes duration, with approximately three (3) minutes lapse between sightings. *10 minutes of*

(3) Manner of observation:

(a) Ground-visual

(b) No optical aids utilized

(c) N/A

(4) Time and date of sighting:

(a) Zulu time-date group of sighting: 0700 Zulu time, 16 September 1957.

(b) Light conditions: Night ✓

(5) Location of observer: Observing was traveling North on U. S. Highway 93, Nevada, approximately five (5) miles South of Lincoln County line, Nevada (38 degrees 2 minutes; 114 degrees 5 minutes), One Hundred (100) miles Northeast of the Eastern edge of the Bombing Range North of Las Vegas, Nevada. Object observed was reported to be approximately twenty-five (25) miles North Northeast of the position of the observer. *note*

(6) Identifying information of observer:



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(a) Mr. [REDACTED], Civilian, [REDACTED], Reno, Nevada; Mortician, and Owner of [REDACTED]

(7) Weather and winds-aloft conditions at time and place of sighting:

(a) Observer's account of weather conditions: Clear, with no cloud cover and no moon.

(b) Report from nearest AWS or U. S. Weather Bureau Office of wind direction and velocity in degrees and knots:

At 10,000 feet - 10 knots from 200 degrees

At 11,000 feet - 10 knots from 200 degrees

At 15,000 feet - 15 knots from 200 degrees

(c) Ceiling: Not available

(d) Visibility: Not available

(e) Amount of cloud cover: See "7a" above

(f) Thunderstorms in area and quadrant in which located: N/A

(8) Any other unusual activity or condition, meteorological, astronomical, or otherwise, which might account for the sighting: None

(9) Interception or identification action: None

(10) Location of any air traffic in the area at the time of sighting: N/A

4. Three individuals, Mr. [REDACTED] Chief of Police, Mr. [REDACTED] Captain of Detectives, and Mr. [REDACTED], Chief, ID Bureau, all Reno Police Department, Reno, Nevada, were interviewed, and all advised that Mr. [REDACTED] enjoys a sound and reliable reputation.

5. No further investigation is contemplated by this office and the case is considered closed in the files of this District Office.

*In my opinion, this is a matter of Tax payers money - Collecting the 1001 co report a ground fight.*

*W E Zuerner*

WILLIAM E. ZUERNER  
Colonel, USAF  
District Commander

cc: Dir OSI

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## Area Plot + Analysis

### General Statements of Observer:

Round, orange red object or light, 18 miles in diameter, seen on ground level about 25° (NE). Object remained stationary. Remained in sight for approx 2 min. Then disappeared.

1. Detailed check of locale of sighting, using Aero Chart No. 362 (Bryson Canyon - Gt) Coordinates made.
2. Observers line-of-sight to object NNE lines up in the vicinity and direction of MILFORD airport approx 50-60 miles away.
3. His line-of-sight also parallels Traffic Arway AMBER #2. The direction of this airway is NE.
4. Time 0700 Z - 7 = 1200 (Midnight)
5. Bright Star BETELGEUSE was practically on horizon at that time. However, would not appear the large size reported by SOURCE unless over-estimated or exaggerated. (Astro check - Ephemeris - HOWEVER, MOON was low on horizon at that general time. H.O. data)

NOTE: Above were plotted on basis object was sighted NNE as given - item 5 of report. However, this is contradicted by (2)a and (2)b. in which he gives the location of object (when 1st seen and when disappeared) as "off" Mt. Wheeler. This

CONTRADICTION  
IN  
SOURCE  
STATEMENT



Mountain is approx 39N., 115W. and therefore to  
the NW of the observer. ~~As the peak is visible from~~  
~~the observer's position it is not possible~~

32° 52' N, 119° 05' W

6. OBSERVER POSITION, from his statement, was  
plotted as approx. 9 miles NW of HAMLIN, NEVADA.

#### CONCLUSIONS

A. Therefore, assuming he was looking towards  
the NW — the moon is the best explanation  
is it was low and near the horizon at  
1230 AM that night (See Barrett-Sources Computer)  
The peak (Mt. Wheeler) would account for it appearing  
lower on the ground.

B. Assuming he was looking towards the  
NE — he was looking almost directly  
into the flight path of aircraft. The  
tail end observation of jet aircraft (based  
on many reports received) looks orange-red  
and large at night. The distance would  
make it appear on the ground a sizeable  
hazy.

C. Because of the inconsistency of bearings  
given at two different places — his  
report, must conclude as Inconsistent  
Data (Other).

G. T. Quinn  
20 Jan 58